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### **Development Centers, Inc. Will Increase the Level of Parental Involvement in Schools With a New Family Resource Center**

**DETROIT, Mich. ---** We are pleased to announce that the Early Childhood and Family Services division is opening its first permanent BrightStars Family Play & Resource Center. The Grand Opening is **November 29, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.**

The center, located in Peter Vetal Elementary-Middle School (**14200 Westwood**) will provide convenient home-school-community support to parents in the Brightmoor community with the goal of preparing young children for school success. The BrightStars Early Learning Centers project began in 2003, providing free services to families with children ages birth to five living in northwest Detroit, including:

- Infant Massage
- Parent-toddler play groups
- Parenting resource library
- Early childhood music and movement
- "Crafty Kids"
- Storytime

A 3 year history of success at sites such as churches, clinics, recreation centers, childcare centers, schools, and homes has created an opportunity to open this innovative BrightStars Family Play & Resource Center in a Brightmoor Detroit Public School. We are grateful to the Children's Trust Fund and the Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan for the grant awards which are bringing BrightStars services to this permanent location. It is anticipated that the resource center will increase the level of parental involvement in the school, and assist families with information, resources, and basic needs during the next 3 years.

Development Centers, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of individuals, families and the community by meeting behavioral health, human and vocational needs through a continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment and training services. This center will nurture, strengthen and empower Brightmoor parents and the home-school-community connection.

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